

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

July 3, 2013; 4:00 P.M.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Present: Commissioners Tommy Jones, Roger Stewart, James H. Westbrook, Jr., John Salmon, Eric Owen, and Earl Wright.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance Board Room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Kermit Hopper – County Highway Supervisor, and Landa Harris – County Highway Secretary.

Chairman Roger Stewart called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Stewart the Committee to the General Fund Budget revenues for the Election Commission. Mrs. Francisco informed Commissioner Stewart that the Election Commission was to receive a grant in the amount of \$1,540 to purchase new computers. Mrs. Francisco has added a revenue line for the receipt of these monies. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to accept the addition of revenue line 46990 (Other State Revenue – Election Commission) to the General Fund budget and with second by Commissioner Jones the motion unanimously passed.

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Commissioner Jones made the motion to place the Highway Fund budget on the floor for discussion and was seconded by Commissioner Westbrook.

Chairman Stewart recognized Mr. Hopper. Mr. Hopper informed the Committee that he would be receiving an additional \$29,000 to be added to revenue line 46420 (State Aid Program). This money will require a 25% match from the County. This additional revenue would be reflected as an expense in Account 68000, line 726 (State Aid Projects). Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to accept the budget changes as requested by Mr. Hopper and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to reduce revenue line 40240 (Wheel Tax) to \$890,000 and with a second by Commissioner Salmon the motion unanimously passed.

Discussion continued on the expenses for the Highway Fund budget.

Page 6, Account 64000, Litter & Trash Collection: Commissioner Stewart questioned why the expenses for the grant and revenue for the grant did not match. Commissioner Westbrook answered that line 141 (Foreman) was increased to reflect the actual salary for the year. In years past, Mr. Hopper has paid the Foreman from Account 62000 (Highway & Bridge Maintenance) to keep from having to lay off the Foreman. Commissioner Westbrook wants all expenses paid for litter & trash collection to show in the Account 64000 (Litter & Trash Collection). Commissioner Owen noted that the revenues and expenses should match for this account. Commissioner Owen made the motion to reduce the expenses for Account 64000 (Litter & Trash Collection) by \$4,024 to match the revenue account. This reduction in cost is to be taken from line 141 (Foreman) plus benefits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed 5 – 1. Commissioner Westbrook voted no.

Page 8, Account 66000, Employee Benefits: Chairman Stewart asked about the MOD rate for the Workers' Compensation Insurance. Mrs. Francisco answered the rates have been requested but not received.

Chairman Stewart called for any final questions or discussion. Mr. Hopper asked the Committee about the cut

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made to the Litter & Trash Collections Foreman. He requested that amount cut from Account 64000, line 141 be moved to Account 62000, line 149 in the amount of \$4,024. Commissioner Wright made the motion to increase Account 62000, line 149 (Laborers) in the amount of \$4,024 and was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Salmon asked if there were guidelines for spending the Litter Grant money. Mr. Hopper stated that a certain percentage was to be spent on education, public awareness and supplies. After more discussion on the motion a vote was taken. The motion failed with a 3 -3 vote.

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the expenditures for the Highway Fund budget and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the revenues for the Highway Fund budget pending approval of the tax rate and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion unanimously passed.

Other Business:

Chairman Stewart reminded the Committee of pending meetings: Monday, July 8th to discuss the School funds and other small fund and Tuesday, July 9th to set the tax rate and cleanup.

Having no other business Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn at 4:36pm and with a second by Commissioner Salmon the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kellie Thayer, Secretary

Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:

Roger Stewart, Chairman

Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date